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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

1. PLEASE DELIVER FOLLOWING MESSAGE DATED JUNE 17
TO PRESIDENT LAKAS FROM PRESIDENT CARTER:

2. BEGIN QUOTE DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

THE CEREMONY IN PANAMA WAS AN IMPORTANT HISTORIC EVENT,
AND ROSALYNN AND I WERE PLEASED THAT WE WERE ABLE TO
SHARE THIS OCCASION WITH YOU. THE ROAD THAT HAS LED
THE UNITED STATES AND PANAMA TO THIS MEMORABLE EXCHANGE
OF INSTRUMENTS OF RATIFICATION OF THE PANAMA CANAL
TREATIES HAS BEEN LONG AND ARDUOUS FOR BOTH NATIONS.
I TAKE GREAT SATISFACTION THAT THROUGH HERSEVERANCE
AND GOODWILL WE HAVE ARRIVED AT OUR GOAL AND NOW STAND
READY TO MOVE AHEAD IN A NEW SPIRIT OF MUTUAL UNDER-
STANDING.

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THE PANAMANIAN HOSPITALITY SHOWN TO ROSALYNN AND ME
WAS MOST GRATIFYING. I REGRET THAT TIME DID NOT PER-
MIT US TO SEE MORE OF YOUR WONDERFUL COUNTRY.

WE DEEPLY APPRECIATE THE BEAUTIFUL GIFTS YOU AND
FANIA PRESENTED TO US, PARTICULARLY THE PECTORAL
FROM VERAGUAS PROVINCE. AND I KNOW THAT AMY IS

GOING TO ENJOY IMMENSELY THE UNIQUE TELEVISION
SET;

WITH OUR BEST REGARDS,

SINCERELY,

JIMMY CARTER

HIS EXCELLENCY
DEMETRIO B. LAKAS
PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF PANAMA
PANAMA END QUOTE

3. WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT INTEND TO MAKE MESSAGE PUBLIC
BUT HAS NO OBJECTION SHOULD PRESIDENT LAKAS WISH TO DO
SO. VANCE

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